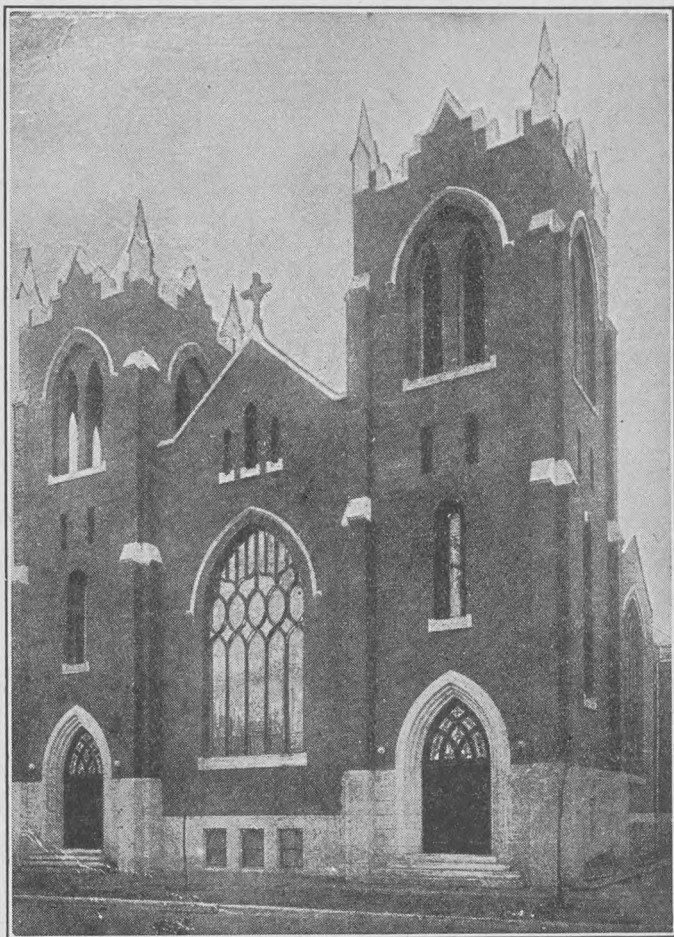


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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24th, 1946

Organ Prelude.

Opening Hymn 60....."Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus"

The Order of Service, page 9, Common Service Book:

(a) Confession

(b) Kyrie: "Lord Have Mercy"

(c) The Declaration of Grace

(d) The Collect

The Epistle Lesson, Epesians 5: 1-9.

The Gospel Lesson, Luke 11: 14-28.

Vocal Solo by Alvin Blondal.

Offertory.

Offering—During the presentation of offering the congregation sings:

"Grant us Lord, the grace of giving
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer unto Thee. Amen."

Anthem by the Choir:

"The Cross of Jesus".....J. Stainer

Hymn 389....."If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Sermon by the Pastor:

"Create in me a clean heart O, God."

Hymn 360....."My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Closing Prayers

Benediction

Postlude

LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION

That is the corporate name given a joint effort on the part of all branches of the Lutheran Church in Canada and the U.S. for the purpose of rendering spiritual and material aid to our destitute brethren in the devastated lands of Europe. Attention has been called to this matter in this bulletin before, but the calls for help are becoming constantly louder and more insistent, and we must not and will not turn a deaf ear to these pleadings. Next to the Jews, the Lutherans have suffered more from the war than any other religious group in the world, and millions of them are utterly destitute, facing death from nakedness and starvation. What can we do to help? First of all, we can put aside all discarded clothing in our homes and keep these until they are called for and collected for shipping. Efforts are now under way to secure storage for such a collection of clothes in Winnipeg, and as soon as this is obtained, a public announcement will be made concerning the collection. The people of Canada are being asked to furnish 500,000 pounds of such clothing. The Lutherans of Winnipeg will certainly want to do their share. We can also contribute money, and large sums are needed. One of the Lutheran Synods in Canada is endeavouring to raise \$100,000 for this project alone. The Senior Aid of our Church has already voted \$100.00 for this purpose and the Junior Aid \$50.00, and together they are sponsoring a SPECIAL COMMUNITY RALLY in our Church on Monday, April 1st, in order to raise funds for Lutheran World Action. A program is being prepared for this Rally to be announced later. We of this congregation have never failed to respond to any crying need; surely we will not fail now. This is a supreme test of our generosity and of our Christian spirit.

Lent

Lent is a time set aside in the Church for self-searching, penitence, prayer and special consecrated service. It is a challenge to all Christians. As we remember Him who walked upon the thorny road to Calvary for us, the question should disturb us: What have I done for Him? There is much that we can do, if we are willing to set our minds to it. How about winning someone else for the Church? The ideal of Church life is given in the Acts of the Apostles (2:47): "And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." Whatever else that may mean, it means that the Church ought to be a growing Church. It means more than that, even that a pure Church will be a growing Church. But the average man does not love the Church. He is not interested in becoming a member of the Church. He must be won. The power that must win him is of God. The instrument of that power are the people who **now are** members of the Church. Unless the people who belong to the congregations win others to membership, the purpose of God is frustrated. If Christians fail to bring Jesus Christ in contact with souls, such souls will not find true development, nor the peace which God intends they shall have.

Lenten time is a splendid time to win men and women for the Church. Invite them to come with you to God's house. Pray for them with earnestness. Direct their thoughts to the great Sufferer of Calvary. By all means win some. The Deacons of the Church are now engaged in this effort, but that effort must not be limited to them. This is a task for all of us. If each member of our Church would set as their goal to win another person for the Church during this season of Lent, what a wonderful harvest we would have at Easter. Is this impossible? Do not say NO until YOU have tried.

REMEMBER THE ICELANDIC BROADCAST THIS EVENING

The Icelandic service this evening will be broadcast over station CKY. Our members and friends are asked to make this known as widely as possible among those who may be interested.

WEDDINGS

March 16th, at 370 Arlington Street: Audrey Sigridur Jonasson to Leonard Gordon Reed.

March 21st, at 254 Belvedere Street: Lara Rosa Bjarnason to George Frederick Morris.

JON VIDALIN LECTURE TUESDAY EVENING

The Pastor will deliver a lecture on the "Life and Work of Jon Vidalin" at the Icelandic Canadian Evening School, Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

LADIES' AID MEETINGS

The Junior Aid meets on Tuesday, March 26th.

The Senior Aid meets on Thursday, March 28th.

MORE ABOUT LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION

An amount of \$100,000 was wired last week from Ottawa to a bank in Sweden to be used for the relief of distressed and displaced persons in Europe. This is the first instalment of several more to come, furnished by Lutheran World Action in Canada and the U.S.A. Warehouse space has now been secured in Winnipeg with the help of our Mr. G. F. Jonasson, so that the drive for clothing will soon be in full swing. Will you see what you have?

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